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1. All fishing vessels must be licensed by a branch office of the Kwangtung Public Security Department's Frontier Defense Bureau (Appendix A: Translation of a Specimen Fishing Junk License).
2. Members of the Fishermen's Association are issued a red membership card (Appendix B: Translation of a Membership Card in the Haifeng (N 22-58, E 115-20) Hsien Fishermen's Association). This card is issued by the hsien branch of the Fishermen's Association, under authority of the branch chairman, deputy chairman, and the party political worker attached to the branch; it is chopped by the political worker. Possession of a membership card exempts the holder from the necessity of providing guarantors. "Rich" fishermen and those considered suspect cannot become members of the association and must provide guarantors before they can obtain a fishing license.
3. Possession of a fishing license automatically entitles the holder to fish inside the waters of his own hsien. A permit to fish in other waters can be obtained from the district office of the local fishermen's association and is chopped by Frontier Defense Bureau (Appendix C: Translation of a Permit issued by the Chelanghsiang Fishermen's Association). This permit must be handed to the local office of the fishermen's association in the new fishing area, which then issues a permit to fish inside its waters.
4. Members of the Fishermen's Association are also issued a numbered cloth badge; this, pinned on their clothing, enables them to go ashore in any village in their own county without reporting to the local authorities. Fishing vessels must fly a blue pennant bearing the name of their hsien and village and the number of the junk license.
5. At schools run by the Fishermen's Association, attendance is compulsory up to the age of 10; otherwise children and wives can accompany the fishermen on their trips.

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6. The hsien or county association is divided into several district associations, which in turn control a number of village associations. Inside the village the fishermen are grouped according to the type of fishing in which they are engaged. For example, in Chungkeu, a small village near Sanmei, with 12 inshore seining junks, the fishermen are organized into one group under a chairman. Each of the 12 junks must take its turn patrolling a three mile stretch of coast off the village during daylight hours. The patrolling vessel carries no arms. The fishermen are briefed to report immediately to the village association any floating glass spheres ("Imperialist germ containers") or any suspect movement which might be connected with the infiltration of enemy agents or the escape of landowners. The fishermen are not required to report on large warships which have frequently been sighted some ten miles off-shore.¹

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1. Comment.
fishermen in Nant'ou (N 22-31, E 113-56) had been instructed by Communist authorities to watch for and report any naval or other unusual vessels seen approaching from Hong Kong or waters in the vicinity. They were also to report any troop movements inside Hong Kong territory and were to be on the alert for suspicious persons along the border area.

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Appendix A: Translation of a Fishing Junk License

SMALL JUNK REGISTER

(cover of license book)

issued by
 Chelang Branch of Frontier Defense Bureau
 of the
 Public Safety Department of the Kwangtung
 Provincial People's Government
 Chelang

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RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY SMALL JUNKS

In order to strengthen the national frontier defense and safety at sea, to protect the lives and properties of the fishermen, and to guard against destructive activities of special agents of the enemy and bandits, all vessels must be registered with this office and must observe the following rules:

- (1) All coastal fishing vessels must register at the branch office of the Frontier Defense Bureau and purchase a fishing license.
- (2) All vessels must anchor at the designated areas and must not change at will their places of anchorage (effective after places of anchorage are designated).
- (3) Fishermen can only engage in the fishing industry and other legitimate commercial activities. They must not engage in smuggling to avoid payment of taxes or provide transportation for unlawful smuggling merchants. Any such smuggling case must be reported immediately to the Branch Office of the Frontier Defense Bureau; otherwise when detected, it will be considered as illegal traffic and will be prosecuted under the law; the goods and vessel will be confiscated and the owner of the junk and the merchant will be detained, prosecuted and fined according to the seriousness of the offense.
- (4) Vessels must not carry contraband goods, enemy special agents, prostitutes and/or engage in gambling and opium smoking. Such offenses should be immediately and secretly reported to the nearest Branch Office of the Frontier Defense Bureau; otherwise when detected, the offense will be for harboring enemy special agents.
- (5) The above rules are to be effective from date of promulgation.

SMALL JUNK REGISTER

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Name		Type	Toniu
license No.	Chechang	Place of	
Route	East to P'inghai	Anchorage	Shihweiao
Owner		Address	Chelanghsiang, Changp'ai village
Address			

Hull	Length	18 feet
of	Breadth	2 feet 5 inches
Vessel	Draft	1 foot

Use of	Fishing	Capacity	1,000 catties
Vessel			

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Name	Owner	Owner's kins and workers		
Age	27	26	51	40
Sex	Male	Male	Male	Male
Place of Birth	Haifeng	Haifeng	Haifeng	Haifeng
Address	Chelang,	Chelang,	Chelang,	Chelang,
and number	Changp'ai No. 54	Changp'ai No. 37	Changp'ai No. 60	Changp'ai No. 55
Education	Illiterate	Illiterate	Illiterate	Illiterate

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SPECIAL DETAILS ON APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

After due investigation and examination of the certified statement of the Chelang Fishermen's Association, permission is hereby granted to the application of said vessel to move to and fish at P'inghai and Tungtouhu

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Appendix B: Translation of a Fishermen's Association Membership Card

HAIFENGHSIEN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARD

Name
Sex
(for fingerprints) Age
Place of Birth
Political Worker Type of Vessel
Branch Chairman Duty
Deputy Chairman Date of Member-ship
(chopped) LU Lai

Remarks

REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS

1. Members shall obey all laws and decrees of the People's Government.
2. Members shall observe all rules and decisions passed by the Association.
3. Members shall pay their membership dues on time.
4. Members shall have the privilege of attending meetings.
5. Members violating rules and decisions will be restrained.
6. This membership card shall not be loaned to other persons.
7. Should this membership card be lost, apply at the Association for replacement.

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Appendix C: Translation of a Permit to Fish in Other Waters

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To whom it may concern

This is to certify that the following four Changp'ai fishermen, and because of local shallow water and scarcity of fish and after due investigation, are hereby granted permission to move to and fish at Tungtounu and P'inghai (Period effective 40 days)

Chelanghsiang Fishermen's Association
Chairman

(Signed) HSIEH Tui (seal)

(chopped) Frontier Defense Bureau
4th Sub-Bureau

Deputy Chairman

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(Signed) LIU Ma-hsueh

Chelang Branch

Chelanghsiang Farmers' Association
Chairman

(Signed) AN Shu

(oblong chop) Chelang Sub-Branch

of

Haifeng Hsien
Fishermen's Association

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